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SUBJECT:US COMMENTS ON BRONDEL'S INFORMATION PROCEDURE NOTE
FOR OECD SHARING WORKING GROUP

1. DELIVER THE FOLLOWING (PARAS 2-8) TO BRONDEL OF EC
FROM BENNSKY, US DELEGATE TO OECD WORKING GROUP ON EMERGENCY
OIL SHARING. TELL BRONDEL THEY REPRESENT BENNSKY'S VIEWS
AS MEMBER FOURSOME DESIGNATED BY CHAIRMAN TO STUDY THIS
QUESTION AND NOT THOSE USG WHICH HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT
TIME STUDY BRONDEL'S IDEAS.

2. YOUR DRAFT PROCEDURAL NOTE PROVIDES USEFUL FRAMEWORK
FOR OUR EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY TYPES OF INFORMATION NECESSARY
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TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM. WE ARE

CLEARLY GOING TO NEED DIFFERENT TYPES OF DATA, DEPENDING ON THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES AND ON THE FINAL DESIGN OF AN EMERGENCY AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE INFORMATION SYSTEM MUST HAVE GREAT FLEXIBILITY.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM COULD WELL BE BASED ON AN INTEGRATED APPROACH INVOLVING IN ADDITION TO SHARING THE ACHIEVEMENT BY EACH PARTICIPANT OF SOME AGREED LEVEL OF EMERGENCY SELF-SUFFICIENCY. INFORMATION WOULD THEN BE REQUIRED WITH WHICH TO ASSESS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AND EMERGENCY DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES, STOCKS, FUEL SWITCHING AND STANDBY PRODUCTION. THERE WOULD BE A NEED

TO GATHER AND EVALUATE SUCH INFORMATION REGULARLY DURING A NORMAL OR NON-CRISIS SITUATION.

4. THERE WILL ALSO BE NEED FOR A FULL RANGE OF SUPPLY, DEMAND, PRICE, AND TRANSPORT DATA TO SUPPORT JOINT ACTION IN ANY OF A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE TYPES OF EMERGENCY INCLUDING A GRADUAL DECLINE IN GLOBAL SUPPLY, LIMITED AND GENERAL EMBARGOS, TRANSPORTATION DISRUPTIONS, AND PRICE CRISES. IN ALL OF THESE SITUATIONS, INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED WITH WHICH TO MEASURE IMPACT ON INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL ECONOMIES OR AMONG PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY, AS WELL AS TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

5. ONCE WE FOUND OURSELVES IN AN ACTUAL SHARING SITUATION, WE WOULD NEED MORE DETAILED SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION DATA FOR BOTH CRUDE AND PRODUCTS WITH WHICH TO OPERATE AN ALLOCATION PROGRAM.

6. OBVIOUSLY, THE SOURCES OF MOST OF THIS DATA WILL BE THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AND THE OIL COMPANIES REPORTING EITHER DIRECTLY TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, I.E., OECD, THROUGH NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, OR BOTH. THERE APPEARS TO BE THE NEED FOR A SMALL PERMANENT STAFF, SUCH AS IS SUGGESTED IN PARA 61 OF OUR WORKING GROUP'S NOVEMBER 28, 1973 REPORT, WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR GATHERING, COMPILING AND EVALUATING THE INFORMATION ON A PERMANENT BASIS. OUR THINKING IN THIS REGARD SHOULD IMPROVE AS WE SEE WHAT CHANGES LANTZKE PLANS IN THE OECD ENERGY DIRECTORATE.

7. COMPANY REPRESENTATION ALSO APPEARS REQUIRED AS YOU INDICATE. U.S. COMPANY PARTICIPATION COULD BE DONE IN CONTEXT ACTIVITIES OF EMERGENCY PETROLEUM SUPPLY

COMMITTEE (EPSC) FOR WHICH DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950 IS BASIS. ACT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1974, UNLESS EXTENDED, BUT BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS, STANDBY ENERGY EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES ACT, WOULD PERMIT ARRANGEMENTS LIKE EPSC- IN ANY EVENT, U.S. COMPANIES COULD COOPERATE IN PROVIDING INFO DESIRED IN PARA 3 (B) IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: (1) BY SUBMITTING DATA INDIVIDUALLY TO OECD (E.G., OIL COMMITTEE OR SECRETARIAT) WHICH WOULD SYNTHESIZE IT AND PRODUCE AGGREGATE STATISTICS, OR (B) BY PROVIDING IT TO OUR FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION WHICH WOULD DO AGGREGATES AND TRANSMIT TO OECD.

8. I THINK WE NEED DO CONSIDERABLE MORE THINKING ON THE MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS, WHETHER THEY BE CALLED AD HOC OR EXECUTIVE GROUPS AS YOU AND THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT RESPECTIVELY CALL THEM, AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO VARIOUS TYPES OF TRIGGERS OR KEYS FOR IMPLEMENTING AN EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENT BEFORE REACHING ANY DECISION.

9. OECD PARIS DELIVER ABOVE COMMENTS TO REINFRANK AND MAITRE (FRENCH DELEGATE). RUSH

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